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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

David Buttner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 June 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 14-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 6-12, 14, 16-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 5 and 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

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An application in which the benefits of an earlier application are desired must contain a specific reference to the prior application(s) in the first sentence of the specification of in an application data sheet (37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) and (a)(5)). The specific reference to any prior nonprovisional application must include the relationship (i.e., continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) between the applications except when the reference is to a prior application of a CPA assigned the same application number.

Claims 1-3, 7-12, 14 and 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Lee '251 Patent.

Lee suggests 2, 6 dimethyleicosene (col. 3 line 39) as a mold release agent for polycarbonate. This agent has two methyl branches and a C₂₀ backbone. The agent is used in amount of 0.01-3% (col. 3 line 53).

Claims 1-3, and 6-10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over the Miller '566 Patent.

Miller exemplifies (# 1) a mixture of polycarbonate with Emery 3002. Emery 3002 is a hydrogenated dimer of 1-decene (col. 3 line 4). The resultant structure has one methyl group attached to a C₁₉ backbone (see Heilman col.3 line 55- col. 4 line 7).

Claims 4,5, and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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The references do not suggest squalene or hydrogenated isoprene polymer added to PC.

Applicant's arguments filed June 16, 2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant must amend the specification to reflect the priority claim to PCT/EP00/06178.

Applicant argues Lee's dimethyleicosene has an unsaturated group and therefore cannot qualify as an alkane.

This is not convincing as applicant specifically allows for some degree of unsaturation in the alkane (page 4 line 16 of spec.)

Applicant argues Miller's dimer must contain a mixture of branched and unbranched alkanes—not allowed for by applicant's "consists of methyl branched alkane" language.

This is not convincing for several reasons. Firstly, applicant merely hypothesizes Miller's dimer includes unbranched alkane. Applicant does not provide any evidence that significant amounts of unbranched alkane results.

Secondly, it appears purifying the dimers to its branched form are conventional (col. 3, line 51 of Heilman). Is Emery 3002 purified to its branched form?

Finally (and most importantly), applicant's "consisting of" in describing the branched alkane was not intended to exclude linear alkanes at the time of filing. The specification invariably uses "consists of" in describing the branched alkane (page 2 line 23; page 3,

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line 1). However, linear alkanes (page 4, line 13) are specifically allowed for. The "consisting of" language cannot be interpreted to exclude linear alkanes.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Buttner whose telephone number is (703) 308-2403. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Dawson can be reached on (703) 308-2340. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9310 for regular communications and (703) 305-7115 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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